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The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's opening prayer will be offered by Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Carter, senior pastor of Manassas Church of the Brethren in Manassas, VA.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Please pray with me.

Gracious God, from whom all blessings do flow, we give thanks for the opportunity of this new day and the power and possibility within it to do what is noble, trustworthy, and true. We pause to center ourselves upon the importance of this present moment, upon our calling.

May Your spirit of wisdom and discernment descend upon this body as they seek to govern with justice and care. Grant them wisdom and courage as they meet the challenges of our time, knowing they are Your stewards of a democracy and servants of a people. May their decisions answer Your eternal call to guard the dignity of each person, to ensure freedom for all people, and to strive tirelessly for the common good, for it is in our living beyond ourselves that we find the greatest meaning and deepest expression of our faith.

Truly, on this day, may Your grace be upon this Senate, our Senators, their staffs, those who work tirelessly in support of this Chamber, as well as their families. And may Your grace be upon our Nation—diverse, gifted, and united in our affirmation of life and liberty, happiness and peace.

For this we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 7, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Virginia.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. WEBB. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about today's guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Carter of Manassas Church of the Brethren, located in Manassas, VA. I am pleased to welcome Dr. Carter, his wife Kim, and their three young daughters—Anna, Grace, and Julie—to the U.S. Senate today.

Dr. Carter is a 1992 graduate of Bridgewater College, located in Bridge-water, VA. He received his Master of Divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary in 1998, and his Doctor of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2006. In 2003, at the age of 33, he was appointed senior pastor of Manassas Church of the Brethren.

Since 2005, he has also served as lead chaplain for the Prince William County, VA, Fire and Rescue Squad. In addition to his duties with his home church, Dr. Carter also serves as the Church of the Brethren's representative to the World Council of Churches, and is a member of the board of directors for the Brethren Housing Corporation.

Manassas Church of the Brethren was established in 1895, and has served the greater Manassas community for the past 116 years. They offer a wide variety of fellowship opportunities and outreach ministries to their large congregation and residents of the Manassas community.

Through the dozens of missions and ministries at Manassas Church of the Brethren, Dr. Carter has made a profound impact on the lives of many members of my constituency. I am certain that he will continue to guide his congregation for many years to come, and I look forward to seeing the direction of Manassas Church of the Brethren under his leadership.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following any leader remarks, the Senate will be in morning business, with the first hour equally divided, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the majority controlling the second 30 minutes. Senator HOEVEN will be recognized at noon for up to 25 minutes to deliver his maiden speech to the Senate.

We continue to work to complete action on the small business bill. We are

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